(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been decided to start Degree courses in forestry in the State Agricultural Universities.

Scholarships to Sportsmen

2629. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholarships given to outstanding sportsmen of the country during the last two years;

(b) the total amount of these scholarships; and

(c) what criteria have been fixed for selection of sportsmen in various disciplines for award of scholarships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The number of sports scholarships awarded to outstanding sports-persons during 1983-84 and 1984-85 was 3833. The total amount of these scholarships was Rs. 32,28,731/-.

(c) Separate criteria for separate disciplines are adopted. The scholarships are awarded to sportspersons on the basis of their talent in sports as judged from their actual performance in different sports disciplines in national, state level, inter-university, etc. tournaments.

2630. [*Transferred to the 23rd August, 1985.*]

Seizure of Contraband Opium

2631. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Crime Branch of Delhi Police has seized 60 Kg. of contraband opium valued around Rs. 60 lakhs in the international market;

(b) if so, what are the details of arrests; and

(c) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 15th June, 1985 the Crime Branch detectives recovered 60 Kg. of opium from four persons. Two of the accused belong to opium growing area of the Madhya Pradesh, and they were planning to dispose it off in Delhi through the other two accused.

(c) On recovery of opium all the four accused persons were arrested by the Delhi Police. Cases have been registered against them under the Opium Act.

छोटानागपुर और संथाल परगना को मिलाकर एक पृथक नया संघ राज्य क्षेत्र बनाया जाना

2632. **श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 24 अप्रैल, 1985 के हिन्दी दैनिक "आज" में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि प्रधान मंत्री को एक 15 सूत्री मांग-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया गया है जिसमें यह मांग की गई है कि छोटा नागपुर और संथाल परगना को मिलाकर एक पृथक संघ राज्य क्षेत्र बना दिया जाये ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार विधान सभा के एक सदस्य, श्री देवन्द मांझी, और झारखण्ड मुक्ति मोर्चा, ग्राम रक्षा दल और कोलाहन रक्षा समिति इस मांग को समर्थन प्रदान कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध ब्यौरा क्या है ?